

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

1-133, 136-141, and 143-194 are pending in the application. Claims 134, 135 and 142 have been canceled, and claims 1-132, 136 and 143-194 stand withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement and election of species. Thus, claims 133, 137-141 are under consideration and stand rejected.

II. Obviousness Rejection


Claims 133 and 137-141 stand rejected under §103 as obvious over Sobol, Dong, Smith I and Smith II. In addition to the arguments submitted previously, applicants now further provide the declaration of Dr. Patrick Hwu (attached). Dr. Wu is an expert in the field of cancer immunotherapy. As discussed in his declaration, Dr. Wu states that "the results reported in the '162 application [are] quite striking." More significantly, he goes on to state that "Overall, the results of this work could not have been predicted by any prior reports in the literature of which I am aware." This is strong evidence that the present invention is *not* obvious, given that an *expert* in the field found the discovery quite surprising, making it impossible for one of ordinary skill in the art to have had *any* contemplation of the invention based on the relevant prior art.

Thus, in addition to the reasons presented in the previously submitted response, applicants further submit that surprising and unexpected results arising from the claimed invention preclude a finding of obviousness. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is, again, respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner have any questions regarding this response, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,


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